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NOTICE OF DECISION THE BILLINGS TRAP CLUB August 25 2008

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by FWP for the proposed purpose of granting funds to the Billings Trap Club for shooting range improvements. FWP is being asked to grant \$120,447 in partial funding towards making all trap-shooting positions and the shower house accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act and to upgrade the range's electrical systems.

The draft EA was circulated for public comment between July 3 and August 4, 2008. During this time period, a notice announcing the availability of the EA was placed on FWP's website, a legal ad placed in the Billings Gazette, and a news release sent out from the FWP Region 5 office.

FWP received this comment from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHIPO):
"It is SHPO's position that any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any structures are to be altered and are over fifty years old we would recommend that they be recorded and a determination of their eligibility be made.

As long as there will be no disturbance or alteration to structures over fifty years of age we feel that there is a low likelihood cultural properties will be impacted. We, therefore, feel that a recommendation for a cultural resource inventory is unwarranted at this time. However, should structures need to be altered or if cultural materials be inadvertently discovered during this project we would ask that our office be contacted and the site investigated."

FWP Response: this project uses no federal funds nor does it takes place on state owned or controlled property; therefore, the Federal 106 Regulations and the State Antiques Act do not apply. FWP will forward these comments on to the Billings Trap Club.

Therefore; by notification of this decision the Draft EA is hereby made the Final EA and the Billings Trap Club will be awarded this shooting range development grant.

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